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SUBJECT: FRG IMPORT AGENCY DURUM TENDER WILL REQUIRE
RESIDUE COMPLIANCE ON ARRIVAL

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. WILHELMI, HEAD OF THE
FRG IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY, EMBASSY WAS AD-
VISED THAT A FORTHCOMING DURUM TENDER WILL INCLUDE THE
NEW REQUIREMENT THAT COMMODITIES PROCURED FOR THE
FEDERAL RESERVE MUST SATISFY FRG PESTICIDE RESIDUE
ORDINANCES UPON ARRIVAL.

2. THE TENDER IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE
END OF SEPTEMBER FOR UP TO ABOUT 80,000 METRIC TONS WITH
THE QUANTITY CONTINGENT UPON THE OFFERING PRICES. THE
VALUE OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE HAS BEEN
FIXED BUT NOT DISCLOSED.

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3. EXPORT DOCUMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING, THE COMMODITY WILL

BE

TESTED FOR COMPLIANCE UPON ARRIVAL IN GERMANY. WHEN DR. WILHELMI WAS ASKED WHAT ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE OFFERER IF A LOT WAS REJECTEDX HE SAID QUOTE NONE OF OUR CONCERN;WE WILL SIMPLY REFUSE IT AND IT'S UP TO THE IMPORTER TO SEE TO IT THAT HE GETS IN COMPLIANCE UNQUOTE- HE WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT FURTHER.

4. PAST DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TRADE HAVE SHOWN THAT REJECTED LOTS OF OTHER GRAINS--SPRING WHEAT AND CORN SPECIFICALLY--HAVE BEEN BLENDED IN PORT ELEVATORS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH FRG REGULATIONS. PRIVATE STOCKS OF DURUM, HOWEVER, ARE GENERALLY NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO DO MUCH BLENDING, EVEN IN THE MAJOR PORT HOUSES.

5. TRADE FRANKLY ADMITS THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY IN THE DARK AS TO THE DEGREE OF RISK TO WHICH THEY ARE EXPOSING THEMSELVES AND ALTHOUGH MOST INTERNATIONAL TRADERS INDICATED THEY WERE CONSIDERING OFFERING, THERE WAS NO ENTHUSIASM TO DO SO.
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